



# The Incarnation Word

May 2024

We love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others.



It's about the ongoing life of the followers of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is offered in Scripture as a life-sustaining, energizing force, which not only guides us, but pushes us into all we are meant to be as people of God. The Holy Spirit takes many forms, speaks many languages, moves in many ways, and offers unexpected gifts.



The people present at the original Pentecost felt a holy sense of unity, despite the differences between them. They came from different geographical areas and spoke different languages, yet they

all experienced the same powerful presence of God and all could understand the message of the Spirit as it blew and danced among them.

This Pentecost, May 19, stand outside and feel the wind on your face. Imagine that wind as the Holy Spirit. How does it feel? Is it nudging you to serve others in a new way? I pray that it also empowers you for that service.

*God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.*

Bask in the Spirit, and I'll see you in church!

God's Peace,  
Jenny+



# — Buildings / Grounds

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## Easter Azaleas



Our Easter altar was glorious with all the lovely azaleas you donated in honor and memory of some very special

people. Now those same azaleas are planted in the beds in front of and beside our building. Each fall and spring as they burst into blooms of an array of colors we'll remember the variety of people we love but see no longer as well as those who are still here with us. Our thanks to the volunteers who planted them: Don Bird, Robin Childers, Niccie Dearing, and Miles Gettys.

## Termites

A couple weeks ago we discovered termites swarming in the sanctuary and the sacristy. We called the company with whom we were bonded only to learn that in early 2020, just as the world shut down for Covid, they sold their company to another without letting us know. About then our previous secretary retired and



Angharad came on board and, well, the inspections fell through the cracks. So we got three estimates and the vestry decided to go with the company who offered the most complete treatment and the lowest price over time. We're now treated and completely protected once again. And grateful the bugs did no more damage than they did!

## Pruning

We started the job in the fall, and now we need your help so we can finish! One of our big projects in the past year is getting our beautiful shrubs



and landscaping back into order. We had a fabulous landscaping company come and get started last fall. In order to finish this project, which will add the clearing of both fence lines as well as Campbell and Trinity Gardens, we need to raise another \$2600. It's a lot of money and a lot of work but together we can make these grounds shine. If you can help please drop a check in the offering and mark it "lawn care".

## Spring Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 11 9:00 am

We will be working indoors to organize closets, tidy up the Sunday school rooms, and make the kitchen sparkle. Join us! There will be jobs for all ages and abilities - we'll find the perfect spot for you. Let's take care of what God has entrusted to us.



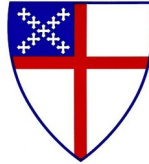
## Administration

### Audit Beginning



Each year we conduct an internal audit of our finances, policies / procedures, and facilities. It's our way of ensuring the diocese, the vestry, and all of you that we are being the best stewards possible of the resources God has entrusted to us. We're so grateful to those of you who give your time and talents to this vital endeavor.

## Episcopalians 201 Tuesday, May 7 11:00 am



Don't miss our final meeting of the school year as we explore the depth and breadth of our faith tradition.

### May 7 - Baptism and Confirmation

Why do we baptize infants instead of those old enough to take the vows for themselves? And how is Confirmation different from Baptism? What does the Holy Spirit do in Confirmation?

Join us and plan to go to lunch together afterwards to celebrate all we've learned.

## Youth Group Sunday, May 26 11:45-1:30

Come ready to get messy as we have a day of wet, soapy outdoor fun to celebrate summer. Bring your friends, your appetite, and your sense of adventure!



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# Evangelism

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## Grief Support Group



Are you or someone you know experiencing grief? Perhaps you've lost someone close to you recently, lost a job,

or made some other painful life transition. Or maybe you're still grieving over a loss from childhood. Carnell Wilkins, a counselor with Cherokee County Mental Health, is leading a grief support group in our parish hall. The group meets at 5:30 on Thursdays and is open to anyone experiencing grief. Join any time. Also, if you know places where we should put posters or fliers to get the word out, Let Jenny+ or Niccie know and we'll get you the papers to share.

## Summer Concerts

Bubbles really bring out the joy in folks, and we're all about sharing the joy of Christ with others. Want to help us? Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to take a shift at one or more of this spring's concerts in Jolly Park. We'll pass out little bottles of bubbles and tell anyone who asks about our wonderful, joy-filled church. You'll be given everything you need to represent Incarnation in our community.



Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to spread the word about the most loving, joyful, welcoming church in Gaffney.

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# Pastoral Care

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## Birthdays

May 3	Joette Johnson
May 5	Vickie Cornmesser
May 9	Tonja Blackwell
May 23	Asher Torres

## Anniversaries

May 7	Charlie and Becky Zinko
May 12	James and Ree Batten
May 15	John and Sudie Gelok
May 29	Scott and Cynthia Glidden

## Hospitality

### Cinco de Mayo Picnic Sunday, May 5 at 11:45



You don't want to miss this fun celebration of Mexican-American culture! We'll enjoy a beautiful spring day in Jenny and Miles' back

yard with delicious food and fun games like cornhole - bring whatever you think would be fun to play.

And we'll have all kinds of delicious tacos and snacks. Plan to bring what you and your family would like to drink (adult or otherwise) and outdoor chairs to relax in. Let's celebrate together!

## Worship

### Pentecost Service Sunday, May 19

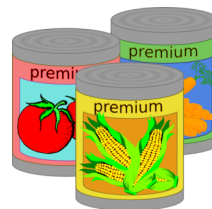
At 8:30 we'll have an indoor service to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. But at 10:30 we'll worship outdoors in Trinity Garden. We'll wave Pentecost sticks, sing along with the birds, and receive the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

## Outreach

### Bread from Heaven Set-Up Thursday, May 16 at 10:00 Shopping Sat., May 18 at 8:30

Our outreach crew has put together a "Top 10 List" for Bread from Heaven needs. Please make a note and keep an eye out for these products, as they are always in need for our food pantry:

1. Canned collard greens
2. Canned green beans
3. Canned tuna fish or chicken
4. Rice
5. Vienna sausages
6. Peanut butter
7. Canned fruit
8. Cereal
9. Spaghetti sauce
10. Canned or dried beans



### Ruth's Cleanings Thursday, May 16

Last month these great folks gave us cases of sweet potatoes, grape tomatoes, apples, and kale which allowed us to give fresh, healthy produce to our shoppers. We believe their bounty will be coming our way again this month. Plan to help us unload the cases of food if you can. And let Scott know if you have a truck and could help with pick-up.

## May Servers

Date	May 5 6th Easter 10:30	May 12 7th Easter 10:30	May 19 Pentecost 10:30	May 26 Trinity Sunday 10:30
Altar Guild	Carla Winter Jackie Hoffman	Hope Greene Marty Marett	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick	Becky Vassy Cathy Roberts Nancy Fowler
Coffee Hour	Joette Johnson Ellie Bird	Marty Marett	Robin Childers	Joette Johnson
Greeters	Ed and Jackie Hoffman	Greene Family	Jennie Hamrick Carla Winter	Torres Family
Dig. Greet.	Morgan Johnson	Cora Torres	Niccie Dearing	Angharad Torres
Camera	Max Hyde	Asher Torres	Don Bird	Angharad Torres
Nursery	Carla Winter	Marty Marett	Cathy Roberts	Becky Zinko
Euch Min	Niccie Dearing	Don Bird	Robin Childers	David Cornmesser
Crucifer	Lainey McAllister	Angharad Torres	Noah Lindemann	Cora Torres
1st Lector	Amanda McAllister	Scott Glidden	Cynthia Glidden	Ellie Bird
2nd Lector	Joette Johnson	John Gelok	Gena Poovey	Bobbi Albert
Intercessor	Cora Torres	Hope Greene	Gena Poovey	Don Bird
Flowers	Winter	Available	Torres	Torres
Counters	Ed Hoffman Ellie Bird	David Corn- messer	Robin Childers Joette Johnson	Scott Glidden Niccie Dearing
Pew Racks	McAllister	Greene	None	Torres

# May Calendar



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>28 5th Easter</b> 8:30 Eucharist 9:30 Episcopalians 101 10:30 Eucharist 11:45 Youth Grp.	29 8:00 MP on FB	30 8:00 MP on FB	1 8:00 MP on FB	2 8:00 MP on FB	3 8:00 MP on FB	4
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